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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 1.8 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 20, 2011 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during December 2010 totaled 889 million pounds, 1.8 percent above last December's production of 873 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 542,000 head, an increase of 1,000 from November 2010, and 3,000 more than December 2009.

Production per cow averaged 1,640 pounds in December, up 40 pounds from November's production per cow and 20 pounds more than December 2009 of 1,620 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during December 2010 totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from December 2009. November production, unrevised at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from November 2009.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009 and 15,000 head more than November 2010.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010
Milk Cows	Thous.	539	541	542	8,311	8,370	8,385
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,620	1,600	1,640	1,761	1,723	1,794
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	873	866	889	14,632	14,419	15,042

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